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TAGS: EINV, ENRG, TS  
SUBJ: POSSIBLE INVESTMENT IN TETRAETHYL LEAD PLANT

TO: MR. ROBERT W. TEMPLE  
7745 SAN FELIPE  
SUITE 208  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77063  
TELEX: 790198

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED GENERAL OUTLINES OF YOUR PROJECT WITH STIR (TUNISIA'S ONLY REFINING COMPANY, WHICH IS STATE-CONTROLLED), ETAP (STATE OIL IMPORTING AND EXPLORATION COMPANY), AND WITH API (IVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY). RESPONSE IS QUITE POSITIVE.

2. STIR'S TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, EZZEDDINE MRAD, SAYS HAS FIRM WOULD WELCOME PROJECT. HE NOTES IT NOW IMPORTS 300 TO 400 TONS ANNUALLY OF TETRAETHYL LEAD FROM OCTEL OF BELGUIUM AND ETHYL OF GREECE.

3. ETAP'S DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR BELGACEM MEZNI, WHO DEALS WITH NEW PROJECTS IN ENERGY SECTOR (ETAP IMPORTS PRODUCTS AND IS ITSELF A POTENTIAL SECOND RE-  
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FINER) EXPRESSED ENTHUSIASM OVER POSSIBLE PROJECT IN TUNISIA. API DIRECTOR FOR ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES, ABDERRAHMANE KRICHENE, ALSO EXPRESSED POSITIVE INTEREST.

4. WE NOTE THAT TUNISIA IS A SMALL-SCALE PRODUCER AND EXPORTER OF LEAD (17,000 AND 21,000 TONS, RESPEC-

TIVELY, IN 1976).

5. WE WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO VISIT TUNISIA BEFORE MONTH-LONG  
RAMADAN MOSLEM HOLY DAYS (STARTING AUGUST 5) TO DISCUSS  
PROJECT WITH TUNISIAN NATIONAL OIL INTERESTS, API AND  
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. PLEASE ADVISE US OF YOUR PLANS  
AND WE WILL DO ALL WE CAN TO ASSIST. BEST REGARDS,  
HARRY M. MONTGOMERY, ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR.  
AMERICAN EMBASSY  
TUNIS, TUNISIA  
MULCAHY

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